

2026 ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
WILLIAM JACK HERNANDEZ SPORT FISH HATCHERY

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1 OVERVIEW

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Sport Fish (DSF), operates the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery (WJHSFH), located in Anchorage. The WJHSFH will meet the sport fish stocking needs of Region 2 by providing rainbow trout, Arctic char, lake trout, Chinook salmon, and coho salmon for stocking into lakes and saltwater locations. Arctic char and rainbow trout eggs originate from captive broodstock. Other species of fish originate from local wild brood sources. Chinook and coho brood sources supporting DSF enhancement programs include Ship Creek, Crooked Creek, Ninilchik River, and Bear Lake. Deep water wells will be used for all production phases and utilize various recirculation technologies to conserve water. On-site boilers will heat water to accelerate fish growth and allow the rapid production of smolt, fingerling, and catchable-sized fish in a single year. Hatchery objectives and performance measures are described in goal three of the *Division of Sport Fish Strategic Plan, 2022-2027*.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game DSF annually produces a *Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish* (SSP)¹. This document contains specific release sites, sizes, and numbers of fish to be released over a 5-year period. All releases for the current year have received departmental and public reviews.

This annual management plan (AMP) remains in effect until it is superseded by a new AMP in the following year. This AMP serves as a guide for hatchery operations, and any anticipated changes from this plan will be submitted as an amendment.

1.1 New for 2026

Lake stocking program

Chinook salmon:

- WJHSFH will provide Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery (RBSFH) with ~72,000 BY25 triploid Chinook eggs, a reduction from 91,000, to support Region 3 releases in 2026.

Coho salmon:

- WJHSFH is replacing the catchable Chinook program for Region 2 with catchable coho indefinitely and is on track to meet the full request in 2026.

Lake trout:

- RBSFH will provide WJHSFH with ~11,400 sub-catchable lake trout in even years to support Region 2 fisheries and is on track to meet the full request in 2026.

Rainbow trout:

- WJHSFH will provide Pillar Creek Hatchery with ~72,000 rainbow trout fingerlings in support of fisheries on Kodiak Island.

¹ The document is available at

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingSportstockingHatcheries.stockingPlan>

Anadromous smolt program

Chinook salmon:

- Crooked Creek release: A shortage of wild brood fish returning to Crooked Creek in 2025 will result in a reduction of the 2026 smolt release from 140,500 to 94,000.
- Ship Creek release: The requested number of smolt for release changed from 575,000 to 630,000. Due to an increase in ponding mortality there will be a reduction of the 2026 smolt release from 630,000 to 588,000.

Coho salmon:

- Resurrection Bay release: A shortage of Bear Lake donor brood fish returning in 2024 will result in a reduction of the 2026 smolt release from 240,000 to 0.

2 PRODUCTION PLAN

2.1 Incubation Capacity

Incubation is provided by 54 Heath stacks with 14 usable trays per stack for a total of 756 usable trays. There are two groups of 12 Health stacks, two groups of 14 Health stacks, and one group of two Health stacks. Each group shares two header tanks with water supplied to each half-stack (7 trays).

Incubation capacity by species:

- Rainbow trout: approximately 3,500,000 green eggs
- Arctic char: approximately 200,000 green eggs
- Chinook salmon: approximately 3,300,000 green eggs
- Coho salmon: approximately 1,500,000 green eggs

2.1.2 Rearing Capacity

Rearing is provided by fifteen 2'-diameter, twelve 5'-diameter, thirty-three 10'-diameter, four 16'-diameter, two 20'-diameter, and thirty-nine 26'-diameter circular tanks. The 2'-diameter and 5'-diameter tanks will be operated on flow-through only and serve as the initial start-up rearing for Arctic char brood replacement and rainbow trout XX males. The 10'-diameter tanks will operate on flow-through and partial reuse, up to 75%, depending on species and life stage. These tanks will serve as the start-up and early rearing for Chinook salmon, coho salmon, Arctic char, and rainbow trout. The 16'-diameter, 20'-diameter, and 26'-diameter tanks are operated at 95% + recirculation and serve as grow-out tanks for Chinook smolt, coho smolt, catchable Arctic char, catchable coho, catchable rainbow trout, Arctic char broodstock, and rainbow trout broodstock. There are also two partial reuse indoor 5'x4'x48' aluminum broodstock holding raceways and four flow-through outdoor 8'x3.5'x75' aluminum holding raceways for returning broodstock and catchable fish staging. Three deep aquifer wells provide water to the hatchery either directly to the grow-out tanks or after passing through a degassing system. The amount of water demand per culture system will vary depending on species, life stage, tank density, and system-specific water

refurbishment equipment. The expected total water available is 3,000 gallons per minute (gpm), but planned water use will range from 1,000 to 2,100 gpm.

2.2.3 Captive Broodstock Programs

Rainbow trout: Eggs will be collected from four-year-olds (BY 2022) mixed-sex population of rainbow trout broodstock. Milt from BY 2023 and BY 2024 XX males (sex-reversed females that produce all female offspring) will be used to fertilize 100% of the eggs for all-female diploid and all-female triploid production. Milt from the BY 2023 mixed-sex population will be used to fertilize 100% of the eggs for the mixed-sex diploid production. Rainbow trout broodstock photoperiod is manipulated to encourage rainbow trout to spawn in December. With spawn time manipulation, fingerling rainbow trout will be available for stocking in the early part of summer instead of the end of summer.

Arctic char: To maintain the genetic diversity of the captive broodstock, milt from 32 three-year-old and 64 four-year-old males will be used to fertilize eggs collected from 64 four-year-old female WJHSFH captive broodstock. Approximately 200 eggs from each female will be designated as replacement broodstock.

Approximate number of broodstock (BY and species) at WJHSFH:

- BY 2022 Arctic char: 450
- BY 2023 Arctic char: 650
- BY 2024 Arctic char: 1,100
- BY 2025 Arctic char: 8,000
- BY 2022 rainbow trout: 850 mixed sex
- BY 2023 rainbow trout: 2,000 mixed sex and 640 XX males
- BY 2024 rainbow trout: 3,500 mixed sex and 900 XX males
- BY 2025 rainbow trout: 4,000 mixed sex and 4,000 XX males

3 PRODUCTION SYNOPSIS

Fish produced at WJHSFH reduce fishing pressure on wild fish stocks, increase sport fishing opportunities, and provide diversity in sport fisheries throughout Southcentral Alaska. In 2026, up to 185 sites are designated for the lake stocking program and will be stocked with fish raised at this facility. Most stocked lakes are landlocked lakes or have minimal opportunity for stocked fish to leave the system. Anadromous Chinook and coho salmon smolt reared at this hatchery are released at 11 different sites. Most fish releases are performed by truck, but other methods include: ATV, helicopter, and backpack. The WJHSFH also produces and transfers eyed eggs of different species to other hatchery facilities in support of sport fish enhancement projects across all Regions.

3.1 Lake Stocking

3.1.1 Rainbow Trout

General Information: Rainbow trout production is the largest component of the DSF's lake stocking program in Southcentral Alaska. Captive broodstock supports this program and originated from wild Swanson River rainbow trout on the Kenai Peninsula. Both diploid and triploid rainbow trout are produced. Diploid rainbow trout populations are mixed sex or all-female. Triploid

rainbow trout populations are all female, but mixed-sex triploid rainbow trout may be produced if mature XX males are not available for all-female production. Some triploid rainbow trout are stocked in a small number of streams that do not have existing native trout populations. Captive brood fish are screened once every 5 years for bacterial kidney disease (BKD).

Release Information: Approximately 575,000 fingerling and 173,000 catchable rainbow trout will be released into 149 sites throughout Southcentral Alaska (Table 1). These fish will be stocked between May and September. Approximately 1,550 surplus broodstock fish will be released between August and December. Specific release sites and numbers of fish to stock can be found in the *Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish, 2026*.

Egg Take and Rearing: Up to 3,500,000 rainbow trout eggs will be collected, fertilized, and incubated (Table 2). Triploidy will be induced by using pressure chambers in approximately 98% of the eggs collected. Eggs for replacement broodstock are included in the all-female and mixed-sex diploid eyed egg numbers. In years where there are not enough triploid fish available to meet production needs, surplus diploid fingerlings may be released into landlocked lakes. WJHSFH transfers 200,000 all-female triploid eyed eggs to Deer Mountain Hatchery in Ketchikan, and approximately 600,000 all-female triploid eyed eggs to RBSFH in Fairbanks in January (Table 3).

3.1.2 Arctic Char

General Information: Wild Arctic char from Lake Aleknagik were the original brood source for the captive broodstock program. Except for replacement broodstock, all Arctic char produced are triploid. Surplus diploid broodstock are periodically released into landlocked lakes as part of the regular stocking program in the fall. When available, diploid and triploid surplus fingerlings are released in summer and fall. Catchables are released in the spring and summer. Captive brood fish are screened once every 5 years for bacterial kidney disease (BKD).

Release Information: Approximately 21,000 catchable Arctic char and, if available, up to 850 surplus broodstock and up to 21,000 Arctic char fingerlings will be stocked into Region 2 lakes (Table 1). Specific release sites and numbers of fish to stock can be found in the *Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish, 2026*.

Egg Take and Rearing: Up to 200,000 eggs will be collected, fertilized, and incubated (Table 2). Approximately 200 eggs from each female will be designated as replacement broodstock. Triploidy will be induced by using pressure chambers in the remaining eggs for production. Eggs surplus to production and replacement broodstock needs will be discarded. WJHSFH transfers 93,000 triploid eyed eggs to RBSFH in Fairbanks in December (Table 3).

3.1.3 Arctic Grayling

General Information: Due to budget constraints, the Arctic grayling program was suspended in 2020. ADF&G will reinstate the program when funding becomes available.

Release Information: No planned releases in 2026.

Egg Take and Rearing: No planned egg takes in 2026.

3.1.4 Lake Trout

General Information: Eggs taken from Sevenmile Lake donor brood are used to stock lakes in Southcentral and Interior Alaska. All lake trout eggs are pressure shocked to induce triploidy. Incubation and rearing take place at RBSFH.

Release Information: Lake trout releases occur on alternate years and will be released in 2026. Approximately 11,400 lake trout sub-catchables will be released into seven Region 2 lakes. Lake trout may be transferred from RBSFH directly to the release sites or to an outdoor stocking raceway at WJHSFH, where they can be held for up to one week. Lake trout fish transport permits (FTP) are associated with RBSFH. Specific release sites and numbers of fish to stock can be found in the *Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish, 2026*.

Egg Take and Rearing: Lake trout eggs are collected in October by RBSFH staff on alternate, odd years. All lake trout incubation and rearing occur at RBSFH.

3.1.5 Chinook Salmon

General Information: The Chinook catchable program has been suspended indefinitely beginning in 2026.

Release Information: No planned releases in 2026.

Egg Take and Rearing: No planned egg takes for catchable/triploid Chinook salmon in 2026

3.1.6 Coho Salmon

General Information: Ship Creek is the primary donor stock (Little Susitna River, ancestral stock) for the lake stocking program. Bear Lake donor stock may be used in Kenai landlocked lakes. These fish are primarily harvested in the winter ice fishery, but some are harvested in mid to late summer. Due to the cancellation of the catchable Chinook programs in 2025, coho salmon are now being raised to a catchable size.

Release Information: Approximately 134,000 certified triploid fingerlings will be released into 10 Region 2 lakes. Fingerling releases occur in early summer. Catchable releases are scheduled for the fall of 2026 and winter of 2027. Specific lakes and stocking numbers can be found in the *Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish, 2026*.

Egg Take and Rearing: Up to 170,000 coho salmon eggs will be collected for fingerling production, and up to 137,000 will be collected for catchable production (Table 2). Eggs will be collected at Ship Creek. Triploidy may be induced in coho salmon eggs for fingerling and catchable production. Kidney samples collected from spawned female adult coho salmon will be tested for bacterial kidney disease (BKD), and the fertilized eggs will be family tracked. Fertilized eggs that test positive for BKD will be destroyed. Coho salmon eggs will be collected in September and October and incubated through the winter. Up to 210,000 all-female triploid eyed eggs will be transferred to RBSFH in Fairbanks (Table 3).

3.2 Anadromous Smolt Stocking

3.2.1 Chinook Salmon

General Information: Chinook salmon smolt are stocked at nine different locations (Table 4). All fish stocked are from early-run donor stocks. Two locations, Ninilchik River and Crooked Creek, have self-sustaining, naturally producing populations of Chinook salmon. Stocking supplements naturally produced runs with the intent of providing a dependable sport fishery. The other seven locations are terminal fisheries with no significant wild populations of Chinook salmon or wild-stock concerns. The current stocking program is supported by three donor stocks of Chinook salmon. Ship Creek is the primary donor stock for Ship Creek, Eklutna Tailrace, Prince William Sound (Whittier and Cordova) releases, and it may be used in Resurrection Bay (Seward Lagoon) and Kachemak Bay terminal fishery (Homer Spit and Seldovia) releases if needed. Crooked Creek is the primary donor stock for Crooked Creek and Resurrection Bay releases, and it may also be used for Kachemak Bay and Prince William Sound releases. Ninilchik River is the primary donor stock for Ninilchik River and Kachemak Bay releases and is an alternate donor stock for Prince William Sound and Resurrection Bay.

Release Information: A total of 2,243,000 Chinook salmon smolt are scheduled for release in 2026 (Table 4). The target release size for all releases is 10 g. Chinook salmon smolt will be released in May/June. Ninilchik River smolt will be released approximately 14 river miles upstream from the mouth of the Ninilchik River. Crooked Creek smolt will be released at the Crooked Creek facility. To minimize the straying of returning adults, smolt will be held for imprinting in the Crooked Creek facility raceways prior to release. All smolt released at these two sites are fin-clipped to identify hatchery-released fish from naturally produced fish in the adult returns. Cordova smolt will be released at Fleming Spit, and Whittier smolt will be released near Cove Creek. Homer Spit smolt will be released into the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, and Seldovia smolt will be released into Seldovia Lagoon. Ship Creek smolt will be released into Ship Creek and Eklutna Tailrace. Cordova and Whittier releases are held for a minimum of three days at the stocking site prior to release to improve imprinting and reduce potential straying. The Eklutna Tailrace smolt may be released directly into Eklutna Tailrace and not held for imprinting due to a lack of funding. The Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon (Homer Spit) is sampled before release for the presence of *Chaetoceros* to determine if the smolt can be safely held in net pens during the imprinting process. In recent years, the smolts have been held in net pens for several hours (from delivery to approximately midnight) at the stocking site before release. This reduces the rate of predation by sea birds. The smolt released at Homer Spit typically remain in the lagoon for several days after release and are fed until they leave the area. Ship Creek smolt will be transferred to the salmon broodstock collection raceways at WJHSFH and held for imprinting. All Chinook salmon release groups are 100% thermally marked (Table 10).

Egg Take and Rearing: Approximately 3,701,982 Chinook salmon eggs will be collected for the production of 2027 smolt (Table 5). This includes approximately 345,000 eggs that will be transferred at the eyed egg stage to Wally Noerenberg Hatchery to support the Prince William Sound releases, and 120,000 to Pillar Creek Hatchery for continued incubation and rearing until release (Table 3). Egg fertilization will take place at WJHSFH. Kidney samples collected from female adult Chinook salmon spawned will be tested for BKD. Fertilized eggs will be family tracked, and eggs that test positive for BKD will likely be destroyed. Some brood fish at Ninilchik

River and Ship Creek are injected with Ovaplant®; Salmon Gonadotropin – Releasing Hormone analogue (sGnRHa) to synchronize spawn timing.

3.2.2 Coho Salmon

General Information: Coho salmon are stocked at six different locations using two different donor stocks (Table 6). Ship Creek (Little Susitna River) donor stock is used to stock Homer Spit, Ship Creek, Eklutna Tailrace, Bird Creek, and Campbell Creek. Bear Lake donor stock is used to stock Resurrection Bay (Seward Lagoon).

Release Information: Approximately 655,000 coho salmon smolt are available for release in 2026. Anticipated numbers of fish to be released are listed in Table 6. All coho salmon release groups are thermally marked (Table 10).

Egg Take and Rearing: Approximately 1,716,160 coho salmon eggs will be collected for 2027 fingerling production and the 2028 smolt production (Table 7). Eggs for smolt releases into Ship Creek, Campbell Creek, Bird Creek, Homer Spit, Eklutna Tailrace, and all fingerling releases will be collected at Ship Creek and fertilized at WJHSFH. Approximately 310,000 eggs, which are from Bear Lake donor stock, will be collected, in cooperation with Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, for Resurrection Bay releases. Kidney samples collected from all female adult coho salmon spawned will be tested for BKD. Fertilized eggs will be family tracked, and eggs that test positive for BKD will likely be destroyed. All coho salmon eggs will be collected in September/October 2026 and incubated at WJHSFH throughout the winter.

4 MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Lake Stocking

Rainbow trout, Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and Arctic char are stocked in lakes on a “put-and-take” or “put-and-grow” basis; no special management considerations are required. The sport fish season and bag limits generally provide for a maximum harvest of these stocked species. A list of fish transport permits (FTP) associated with lake stockings is presented in Table 8. Specific objectives for these programs are provided in the *Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish, 2026*.

4.2 Anadromous Smolt Stocking

4.2.1 Chinook Salmon

The primary purpose of the Ninilchik River and Crooked Creek Chinook salmon stocking projects is to increase fishing opportunities on a sustainable basis by supplementing natural runs of fish in each stream without significantly altering historic age and sex compositions. Commercial harvest of these stocks is minimal due to their early run timing. Sport fishery management concerns associated with these projects are minimal. Sport Fish regulations on early-run Kasilof River (Crooked Creek release) and Ninilchik River Chinook salmon fisheries target the harvest of hatchery-released fish. These fisheries are designed to increase angler opportunity and harvest potential on hatchery stocks while preserving the wild component of the run.

The primary purpose of the Ship Creek, Seldovia, Homer Spit, Resurrection Bay, Eklutna Tailrace, Whittier, and Cordova Chinook salmon stocking projects is to provide for terminal fisheries in areas where no Chinook salmon fisheries would otherwise exist. These fisheries provide for the

harvest of large numbers of Chinook salmon with little or no wild stock impacts. These fisheries also generate a significant number of angler days of effort and potentially reduce angler effort on accessible wild fish populations. Sport fishery management concerns associated with these projects are minimal.

4.2.2 Coho Salmon

The primary purpose of the coho salmon enhancement program is to increase coho salmon sport fishing opportunities in Northern Cook Inlet, Lower Cook Inlet, and Resurrection Bay. Significant sport fisheries exist at all six stocking locations, and each location provides an excellent terminal harvest opportunity. Commercial harvest is minimal on the Lower Cook Inlet and Resurrection Bay returns. Returns to these fisheries are usually sufficient to support large sport fisheries, and sport fishery management concerns associated with these projects are minimal. A list of FTPs associated with anadromous stockings is presented in Table 8.

5 PROJECTED RETURNS

Table 9 summarizes the 2026 expected returns for all stocking projects supported through fish production from WJHSFH.

6 EVALUATION

All Chinook and coho salmon smolts are thermally marked to allow for assessment of commercial harvest, in-river sport fishery contributions, and straying at selected stocking locations. Table 9 outlines otolith mark group assignments for each release site. In 2026, all Chinook salmon smolt released at Crooked Creek and Ninilchik River are marked with an adipose fin clip to identify hatchery-produced fish from naturally produced fish in the sport fishery, broodstock collection, and escapement. Marine sport fishery data for Cook Inlet are summarized in Begich (2007).

Otoliths may be collected from adult Chinook and coho salmon returning to streams adjacent to release sites to monitor for straying. A post-hatch accessory mark for the Ninilchik River Chinook salmon release has been applied to smolt since BY 2021 to determine the source of adipose-clipped Chinook salmon strays (Crooked Creek release or Ninilchik River release) entering Deep Creek and the Anchor River.

Sport fisheries catch, harvest, and effort statistics are estimated annually by the Statewide Harvest Survey (SWHS).

Fin-marking and thermal marking of some lake stocking products are done on an as-needed basis, as defined by Division of Sport Fish research biologists, to evaluate various lake stocking projects. Catch, harvest, and effort statistics are estimated annually by the SWHS.

7 RESEARCH

To determine the Chinook salmon smolt size-at-release that yields the greatest return to the sport fishery, a Chinook salmon smolt size-at-release study was initiated in 2014. Between 2014 and 2022, two release groups of Ship Creek donor stock smolt, with target average size at release of

12.0–14.0 g and 18.0–20.0 g, were released into Ship Creek. Unique thermal marks were applied to 100% of the smolt in both release groups so their contribution to the fishery can be determined. Otoliths collected from adult Chinook salmon returning to the brood holding raceways along Ship Creek are prepared and read by hatchery staff. Evaluation of the remaining size-at-release groups will continue until individuals from all brood years have returned to WJHSFH and are sampled as adults.

Future research will be conducted at WJHSFH. Possible projects include selective spawning of Chinook salmon, vateritic otoliths, and investigating lateral line dysplasia in hatchery-reared fish.

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9 APPROVAL

Recommendation for Approval: William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery Annual Management Plan, 2026.

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Approval: The 2026 William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery Annual Management Plan is hereby approved.

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Table 1.–Summary of Fish Releases from WJHSFH for Lake Stocking Programs in 2026.

Number of Stocking					
Species	Release Location	Number ¹	Size ²	Type ³	Locations ⁴
Rainbow trout	Region 2	374,100	Fingerling	3N/2N	52
		170,540	Fingerling	3N	18
		30,000	Fingerling ⁵	3N	4
		134,454	Catchable	3N/2N	38
		38,456	Catchable	3N	28
		1,550	Broodstock ⁵	2N	9
Total		749,109			149
Arctic char	Region 2	9,300	Fingerling ⁵	3N/2N	5
		12,000	Fingerling ⁵	3N	4
		2,000	Catchable	3N	1
		18,825	Catchable	3N/2N	16
		850	Broodstock	2N	5
Total		42,975			31
Chinook salmon	Region 2	0	Catchable	3N	0
		0	Catchable	3N/2N	0
		Total		0	
Coho salmon	Region 2	19,000	Catchable	3N	4
		70,000	Catchable	3N/2N	11
		14,000	Fingerling	3N	2
		119,820	Fingerling	3N/2N	16
Total		222,820			33
Total		1,014,904			213

¹ Numbers do not include any BY 2025 eyed eggs of any species transferred to any other hatchery; please reference Table 3.

All species are Statewide Stocking Plan request numbers.

² Fingerling - 1 to 3 g, Sub-catchable - 15 to 70 g, Catchable - greater than 70g. Broodstock fish older than 2 years and greater than 100 g.

³ 2N = Diploid; 3N = Triploid; 3N/2N = Triploid preferred, but diploid may be permitted if triploid fish are not available.

⁴ Total # of stocking locations by species may not equal the sum of the # of locations for each life stage because some release sites receive more than 1 life stage. Total release sites may not equal the sum of species release sites because some release sites receive more than 1 species.

⁵ Released if available.

Table 2.–Summary of Division of Sport Fish Egg Takes for Lake Stocking Programs in 2026.

Species	Donor Stock (Ancestral Stock)	Females	Number of Eggs
Rainbow trout ¹	WJHSFH (Swanson River)	1,200	3,500,000
Arctic char ²	WJHSFH (Lake Aleknagik)	64	200,000
Coho salmon ³	Ship Creek	Up to 150	500,000

¹ Includes eggs to produce 200,000 eyed eggs for Deer Mountain Hatchery, and 600,000 eyed eggs for RBSFH.

² The 64 pairs of Arctic char spawned to obtain genetic diversity in the captive broodstock are more than what is necessary to meet production needs. Approximately 81,229 BY26 eggs will be incubated, and the surplus eggs will be culled. Includes 93,100 eyed eggs for RBSFH.

³ If brood fish are available, up to 42 pairs will be spawned in case the incidence of BKD in female brood fish is greater than anticipated, and the triploid induction rate is lower than anticipated. The total number of eggs includes 210,000 eyed eggs for Region 3 coho fingerling and catchable production.

Table 3.—Summary of hatchery-to-hatchery transfers in 2026.

Species	Life stage	Sending hatchery	Receiving hatchery	Ploidy	Donor stock	Sex	Number
Rainbow trout	Eyed egg	WJHSFH	RBSFH	3N	WJHSFH (Swanson River)	All female	600,000
Rainbow trout	Eyed egg	WJHSFH	DMH	3N	WJHSFH (Swanson River)	All female	200,000
Chinook salmon	Eyed egg	WJHSFH	PCH	2N	Ship Creek	Mixed sex	120,000
Chinook salmon	Eyed egg	WJHSFH	WNH ¹	2N	Ship Creek	Mixed sex	345,000
Coho salmon	Eyed egg	WJHSFH	RBSFH	2N	Ship Creek (Little Susitna River)	Mixed sex	136,000
Arctic char	Eyed egg	WJHSFH	RBSFH	3N	WJHSFH (Lake Aleknagik)	Mixed sex	93,100
Rainbow trout	Fingerlings	WJHSFH	PCH	3N	WJHSFH (Swanson River)	All female	71,200

Notes: DMH=Deer Mountain Hatchery, RBSFH = Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery, PCH = Pillar Creek Hatchery, WJHSFH = William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery, WNH = Wally Noerenberg Hatchery

¹ Eggs for Wally Noerenberg Hatchery terminal fishery at Chenega, Fleming Spit, and Whittier.

Table 4.–Numbers of Chinook salmon smolt to be stocked by the Division of Sport Fish in 2026.

Release Site	Hatchery	Donor Stock	Release Number²
Northern Cook Inlet			
Ship Creek	WJHSFH	Ship Creek	630,000
Eklutna Tailrace	WJHSFH	Ship Creek	<u>424,000</u>
		Total	1,054,000
Central/Lower Cook Inlet			
Crooked Creek ¹	WJHSFH	Crooked Creek	94,000
Seldovia	WJHSFH	Ninilchik River/Ship Creek	105,000
Homer Spit	WJHSFH	Ninilchik River/Ship Creek	315,000
Ninilchik River	WJHSFH	Ninilchik River	<u>150,000</u>
		Total	664,000
Resurrection Bay			
Seward Lagoon	WJHSFH	Crooked Creek	<u>315,000</u>
		Total	315,000
Prince William Sound			
Whittier	WJHSFH	Ship Creek	105,000
Cordova	WJHSFH	Ship Creek	<u>105,000</u>
		Total	210,000
Grand Total			2,243,000

¹ A shortage of donor stocks in 2025 resulted in a shortfall in the number of smolt produced for the Crooked Creek Brood replacement.

² Release number is the stocking goal presented in the Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish. Actual release number may be +/- 10% of the stocking goal.

Table 5.–Division of Sport Fish Chinook salmon egg-take summary for 2026.

Donor Stock	Number of Eggs	Fecundity	Number of Females	Egg-take Responsibility	Incubation Facility
Ship Creek ¹	2,359,125	5,825	405	WJHSFH	WJHSFH
Crooked Creek	612,374	4,938	111	WJHSFH and Soldotna	WJHSFH
Ninilchik	730,483	4,867	136	WJHSFH and Homer	WJHSFH
Totals	3,701,982		652		

¹ Includes eggs for transfer to PWSAC WNH to support terminal fisheries at Chenega, Fleming Spit, and Whittier in Prince William Sound. Includes eggs for transfer to KRAA PCH to support sport fish enhancement projects on Kodiak Island.

Table 6.—Division of Sport Fish coho salmon smolt releases in 2026.

Release Site	Hatchery	Donor Stock (Ancestral stock)	Release Number¹
Northern Cook Inlet			
Ship Creek	WJHSFH	Ship Creek (Little Susitna River)	240,000
Bird Creek	WJHSFH	Ship Creek (Little Susitna River)	125,000
Campbell Creek	WJHSFH	Ship Creek (Little Susitna River)	50,000
Eklutna Tailrace	WJHSFH	Ship Creek (Little Susitna River)	<u>120,000</u>
		Total	535,000
Lower Cook Inlet			
Homer Spit	WJHSFH	Ship Creek (Little Susitna River)	<u>120,000</u>
		Total	120,000
Resurrection Bay			
Seward Lagoon	WJHSFH	Bear Lake	<u>0</u>
		Total	0
Grand Total			655,000

¹ Release number is the stocking goal presented in the Statewide Stocking Plan for Sport Fish. Actual release number may be +/- 10% of the stocking goal.

Table 7.—Division of Sport Fish coho salmon egg-take summary for 2026.

Donor Stock	Number of Eggs¹	Fecundity	Number of Females	Egg-take Responsibility	Incubation Facility
Bear Lake	310,160	3,604	86	WJHSFH and CIAA	WJHSFH
Ship Creek (Little Susitna River)	1,406,000	3,878	371	WJHSFH	WJHSFH
Total	1,716,160		457		

Table 8.—Fish transport permits (FTPs) for egg takes, hatchery-to-hatchery transfers, and fish releases from William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery.

Area	Species	Donor Stock (Ancestral Stock)	FTP #	Expiration Date	Release Description	Lake Category	Life Stage
Anchorage	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	13A-0028	12/31/2028	Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, GASS, Fish L, Green L, Thompson L	1	2N Catchable/ Broodstock
Anchorage	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	13A-0029	12/31/2028	Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, GASS, Fish L, Green L, Thompson L	1	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	13A-0030	12/31/2028	Sand L	3	2N Broodstock
Anchorage	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	13A-0031	12/31/2028	Sand L	3	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0089	12/31/2029	Ship Ck	NA	Smolt
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0121	12/31/2029	Jewel L, Hillberg L, Green L, Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, Delong L, GASS	1	Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	21A-0006	12/31/2029	Jewel L, Hillberg L, Green L, Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, Delong L, GASS	1	2N/3N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Deception Ck (Willow Ck.)	15A-0015	12/31/2029	Jewel L, Hillberg L, Green L, Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, Delong L, GASS	1	2N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	21A-0005	12/31/2029	Jewel L, Hillberg L, Green L, Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, Delong L, GASS	1	2N/3N Catchable

Area	Species	Donor Stock (Ancestral Stock)	FTP #	Expiration Date	Release Description	Lake Category	Life Stage
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	21A-0008	12/31/2029	Taku Campbell L	2	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0120	12/31/2029	Taku Campbell L	2	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	21A-0007	12/31/2029	Taku Campbell L	2	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	21A-0010	12/31/2029	Beach L, Cheney L, Mirror L, Sand L	3	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0122	12/31/2029	Beach L, Cheney L, Mirror L, Sand L	3	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	21A-0009	12/31/2029	Beach L, Cheney L, Mirror L, Sand L	3	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	18A-0027	12/31/2027	Bird Ck	NA	Smolt
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	18A-0028	12/31/2027	Campbell Ck	NA	Smolt
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	18A-0029	12/31/2027	Ship Ck.	NA	Smolt
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	19A-0029	12/31/2027	Jewel L, Hillberg L, Green L, Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, Delong L, GASS	1	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	19A-0030	12/31/2027	Taku Campbell L	2	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	19A-0032	12/31/2027	Mirror L, Cheney L, Beach, Sand L	3	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0043	12/31/2028	Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, Delong L, Fish L, Green L, Gwen L, Hillberg L, Jewel L, Otis L, Spring L, Thompson L., Triangle L, Waldon L, GASS	1	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0022	12/31/2033	Campbell Pt L, Clunie L, Delong L, Fish L, Green L, Gwen L, Hillberg L, Jewel L, Otis L, Spring L, Thompson L. Triangle L, Waldon L, GASS	1	2N Catchable Broodstock

Area	Species	Donor Stock (Ancestral Stock)	FTP #	Expiration Date	Release Description	Lake Category	Life Stage
Anchorage	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0023	12/31/2028	Airstrip-Willow Pond, Taku Campbell L, Tangle Pond	2	3N Catchable
Anchorage	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0024	12/31/2028	Alder Pond, Beach L, Cheney L, Edmunds L, Lower Fire L, Mirror L, Otter L, Rabbit L, Sand L, Symphony L	3	3N Catchable/ Fingerling
Anchorage	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	15A-0064	12/31/2028	Cheney L, Sand L	3	2N Broodstock/ Catchable
Anchorage	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0044	12/31/2028	Campbell Creek, Chester Creek, Upper Six-Mile L	5	3N Catchable
Delta	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0003	12/31/2034	Backdown L, Brodie L, Coal Mine #5, Four Mile L, Ken's Pond, Quartz L, Rangeview L, Shaw Pond, Sheefish L	1	Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Delta	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	20A-0001	12/31/2034	Nickel L	2	3N Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Delta	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	20A-0002	12/31/2034	J L	3	3N Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Delta	Coho salmon	Ship Ck. (Little Susitna R.)	20A-0008	12/31/2027	Quartz L	1	Fingerling
Fairbanks	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	13A-0019	12/31/2024	Kid's Fishing Pond	1	2N Broodstock
Fairbanks	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0004	12/31/2034	Bathing Beauty Pond, Chena L, Grayling L, Harding L, Hidden L (EAFB), Moose L, Polaris L	1	Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Fairbanks	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0005	12/31/2034	Birch L, Lost L	3	Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Fairbanks	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck. (Ship Ck.)	20A-0028	12/31/2029	Birch L, Lost L	3	Catchable
Fairbanks	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck. (Ship Ck.)	20A-0029	12/31/2029	Cushman L	2	Catchable

Area	Species	Donor Stock (Ancestral Stock)	FTP #	Expiration Date	Release Description	Lake Category	Life Stage
Glennallen	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0006	12/31/2034	Buffalo L, Dick L, Ryan L	1	Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0007	12/31/2034	Gergie L, John L	2	Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0008	12/31/2034	Crater L, Tex Smith L	3	Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0009	12/31/2034	Two Mile L	5	Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	15A-0005	12/31/2033	Buffalo L, Dick L, Junction L, North Jans L, Ryan L, South Jans L, Strelna L, Tolsona Mountain L	1	3N Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	15A-0006	12/31/2033	Gergie L, Old Road L, Peanut L, Pippin L, Round L, Sculpin L, Silver L, Tolsona L	2	3N Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	15A-0007	12/31/2033	Crater L, DJ L, Tex Smith L	3	3N Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	15A-0008	12/31/2033	Squirrel Ck. Pit	4	3N Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Glennallen	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	15A-0009	12/31/2033	Three Mile L, Two Mile L	5	3N Fingerling/ Subcatchable/ Catchable
Homer	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	12A-0079	12/31/2029	Ninilchik R	NA	Smolt
Homer	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	18A-0010	12/31/2027	Homer Spit (Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon)	NA	Smolt
Homer	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	18A-0012	12/31/2027	Seldovia Harbor	NA	Smolt
Homer	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	18A-0013	12/31/2027	Homer Spit (Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon)	NA	Smolt

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Homer	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	18A-0015	12/31/2027	Seldovia Harbor	NA	Smolt
Homer	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0117	12/31/2027	Homer Spit (Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon)	NA	Smolt
Homer	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0119	12/31/2027	Seldovia Harbor	NA	Smolt
Homer	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	13A-0041	12/31/2027	Homer Spit (Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon)	NA	Smolt
Kenai	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	13A-0026	12/31/2028	Island L, Elephant (Spirit) L	1	2N Broodstock/ Catchable
Kenai	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	20A-0018	12/31/2028	Carter L, Troop L, Upper Summit L, Vagt L.	3	3N Fingerling
Kenai	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	12A-0070	12/31/2029	Crooked Ck	NA	Smolt
Kenai	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0064	12/31/2029	Sport L	1	Catchable
Kenai	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	12A-0067	12/31/2029	Sport L	1	Catchable
Kenai	Chinook salmon	Deception Ck (Willow Ck)	12A-0068	12/31/2029	Sport L	1	Catchable
Kenai	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	12A-0069	12/31/2029	Sport L	1	Catchable
Kenai	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	12A-0071	12/31/2027	Arc L, Centennial L, Elephant (Spirit) L, Longmare L, Sport L	1	Fingerling/ Catchable
Kenai	Coho salmon	Bear Ck (Bear Ck)	12A-0073	12/31/2027	Arc L, Centennial L, Elephant (Spirit) L, Longmare L, Sport L	1	Fingerling/ Catchable
Kenai	Arctic grayling	Chena R (Chena R)	22A-0009	12/31/2032	Arc L, Scout L, Tirmore L, John Hedberg L	1	Fingerling/ Catchable
Kenai	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	26A-0015	12/31/2036	Aurora L, Barbara L, Cabin L, Centennial L, Chugach Est, Douglas L, Elephant (Spirit) L, Encelewski L, Island L, John Hedberg L, Johnson L, Longmare L, Loon L, Roque L, Scout L, Sport L, Thetis L, Tirmore L,	1	Fingerling/ Catchable/ Broodstock

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					Kenai Peninsula Sport, Rec, and Trade Show		
Kenai	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0032	12/31/2030	Carter L, Long L, Meridian L, Rainbow L, Troop L, Upper Summit L, Vagt L	3	3N Fingerling
Kodiak	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	24A-0012	12/31/2028	Aurel L, Big (Lilly) L, Caroline L, Cicely L, Dragonfly L, Heitman L, Horseshoe L, Lee L, Lilly Pond L, Abercrombie L, Island L, Dark L	2	3N Fingerling
Kodiak	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	24A-0013	12/31/2028	Bull L, Dolgoi L, Long L, Tanignak L, Twin L	1	3N Fingerling
Mat-Su	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	19A-0024	12/31/2028	Benka L, Carpenter L, Echo L, Finger L, Irene L, Kepler-Bradley L, Long L (Mi 86), Lynne L, Marion L, Matanuska L, Memory L, Prator L, Rush L, 17 mile L	1	Broodstock/ Catchable
Mat-Su	Chinook salmon	Deception Ck (Willow Ck)	14A-0098	12/31/2029	Eklutna Tailrace	NA	Smolt
Mat-Su	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0006	12/31/2027	Eklutna Tailrace	NA	Smolt
Mat-Su	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	12A-0002	12/31/2027	Finger L, Knik L, Matanuska L, Memory L, Prator L, Victor L	1	Catchable/ fingerling
Mat-Su	Chinook salmon	Deception Ck (Willow Ck)	12A-0003	12/31/2027	Finger L, Knik L, Matanuska L, Memory L, Prator L, Victor L	1	Catchable
Mat-Su	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	12A-0004	12/31/2027	Finger L, Knik L, Matanuska L, Memory L, Prator L, Victor L	1	Catchable
Mat-Su	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0005	12/31/2027	Finger L, Knik L, Matanuska L, Memory L, Prator L, Victor L	1	Catchable
Mat-Su	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	12A-0009	12/31/2027	Barley L, Bear Paw L, Carpenter L, Christiansen L, Diamond L, Echo L, Johnson L, Kalmbach L, Klaire L, Loberg L, Victor L	1	Fingerling
Mat-Su	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	12A-0010	12/31/2027	Gate L, Kashwitna L, Mile 180 L, Slipper L, Walby L, Willow L	2	Fingerling
Mat-Su	Coho salmon	Ship Ck	12A-0011	12/31/2027	Lucille L, Seymour L, Wolf L	3	Fingerling

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		(L. Susitna R)					
Mat-Su	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	24A-0030	12/31/2030	Finger L, Knik L, Matanuska L, Memory L	1	Catchable
Mat-Su	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	13A-0051	12/31/2027	Eklutna Tailrace	1	Smolt
Mat-Su	Grayling	Chena R (Chena R)	13A-0050	12/31/2031	Canoe L, Finger L, Florence L, Goober L, Ida L, Kepler-Bradley L, Knik L, Long L, Lorraine L, Meirs L, Ravine L, Reed L	1	Catchable
Mat-Su	Grayling	Chena R. (Chena R)	20A-0016	12/31/2030	Summit L	2	Catchable
Mat-Su	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0007	12/31/2035	Bruce L, Canoe L, Echo L, Irene L, Kepler-Bradley L, Knik L, Leech L, Loberg L, Long L (Mi86), Matanuska L, Meirs L, Memory L, Ravine L, Rocky L, Reed L	1	Broodstock/ Catchable
Mat-Su	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0008	12/31/2035	Barley L, Bear Paw L, Benka L, Boot L, Carpenter L, Christiansen L, Diamond L, Farmer L, Finger L, Florence L, Golden L, Goober L, Honeybee L, Ida L, Johnson L, Kalmbach L, Kings L, Knob L, L. Lonely L, Long L (K/B), Long L (Mi86), Lorraine L, Lynne L, Marion L, Matanuska L, Meirs L, Peggy L, Reed L, 17 mile L, Slipper L, Tigger L, Walby L, X L, Y L	1	Fingerling/ Broodstock
Mat-Su	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0009	12/31/2035	Anderson L, Coyote L, Gate L, Kashwitna L, Knob L, M. 180 L, N. Knob L, Lalen L, Reflections L, Slipper L, Summit L, Walby L, Weiner L, Willow L	2	Catchable
Mat-Su	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0010	12/31/2035	Bench L, Beverly L, Big Beaver L, Bocker L, Buck L, Butterfly	2	Fingerling

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					L, Cranberry L, Crooked L, Lalen L, L. Beaver L, N. Friend L, N. Rolly L, Rhein L, Ruby L, S. Friend L, Threemile L, Twin Island L, Vera L, Visnaw L, Weiner L, W. Beaver L, W. Sunshine L, Wishbone L, Zero L.		
Mat-Su	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0011	12/31/2035	Crystal L, Lucille L, South Rolly L, Tanaina L	3	Catchable
Mat-Su	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0012	12/31/2035	Caswell #3 L, Crystal L, Dawn L, Homestead L, Loon L, Lucille L, Morvo L, Seymour L, Wolf L	3	Fingerling
PWS	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	20A-0014	12/31/2029	Fleming Spit (Cordova)	NA	Smolt
PWS	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0094	12/31/2029	Fleming Spit (Cordova)	NA	Smolt
PWS	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	19A-0022	12/31/2029	Fleming Spit (Cordova)	NA	Smolt
PWS	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	19A-0021	12/31/2029	Whittier Harbor	NA	Smolt
PWS	Chinook salmon	Deception Ck (Willow Ck)	12A-0098	12/31/2029	Whittier Harbor	NA	Smolt
PWS	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	20A-0015	12/31/2029	Whittier Harbor	NA	Smolt
PWS	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0099	12/31/2029	Whittier Harbor	NA	Smolt
PWS	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0046	12/31/2028	Ruth L	1	3N Catchable
PWS	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0047	12/31/2028	Blueberry L, Thompson L	5	3N Catchable
Res Bay	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0090	12/31/2029	Lowell Ck	NA	Smolt
Res Bay	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	12A-0091	12/31/2029	Seward Lagoon	NA	Smolt
Res Bay	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	12A-0092	12/31/2029	Seward Lagoon	NA	Smolt

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Res Bay	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	19A-0020	12/31/2029	Seward Lagoon	NA	Smolt
Res Bay	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	19A-0023	12/31/2029	Lowell Ck	NA	Smolt
Res Bay	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	12A-0093	12/31/2029	Lowell Ck	NA	Smolt
Res Bay	Coho salmon	Bear Ck (Bear Ck)	18A-0030	12/31/2027	Seward Lagoon	NA	Smolt
Res Bay	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	16A-0048	12/31/2033	Derby: 1st L	3	Catchable
Anchorage	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	15A-0046	12/31/2035	315,000 Egg take @ WJHSFH	NA	Green eggs
Fairbanks	Arctic char	WJHSFH (L. Aleknagik)	14A-0015 ^a	12/31/2034	214,000 Transfer: WJHSFH to RBSFH (3N MX)	NA	Eyed eggs
Kenai	Chinook salmon	Crooked Ck (Crooked Ck)	11A-0013	12/31/2029	1,740,000 Egg take @ Crooked Creek	NA	Green eggs
Kodiak	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	25A-0003 ^b	12/31/2030	450,000 Transfer: eggs from WJHSFH to Pillar Creek Hatchery	NA	Eyed eggs
Anchorage	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	11A-0017	12/31/2029	2,400,000 Egg take @ Ship Creek	NA	Green eggs
Homer	Chinook salmon	Ninilchik R (Ninilchik R)	11A-0026	12/31/2029	1,500,000 Egg take @ Ninilchik River	NA	Green eggs
Mat-Su	Chinook salmon	Deception Ck (Willow Ck)	11A-0045	12/31/2029	1,560,000 Egg take @ Deception Creek	NA	Green eggs
Fairbanks	Chinook salmon	Ship Ck (Ship Ck)	20A-0003 ^a	12/31/2029	120,000 2N egg transfer to RBSFH	N/A	Green eggs
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Ship Ck (L. Susitna R)	11A-0019	12/31/2027	1,120,000 Egg take @ Ship Creek	NA	Green eggs
Seward	Coho salmon	Bear Ck (Bear Ck)	11A-0016	12/31/2027	730,000 Egg take @ Bear Creek	NA	Green eggs
Seward	Coho salmon	Seward Lagoon (Bear Ck)	24A-0023	12/31/2027	300,000 egg take @ Seward Lagoon, transfer to WJHSFH	NA	Green eggs
Anchorage	Coho salmon	Wally Noerenberg Hatchery (Corbin Ck)	24A-0016	12/31/2034	600,000 egg take @ WNH, transfer to WJHSFH	NA	Green eggs

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Anchorage	Coho salmon	Solomon Gulch Hatchery (Corbin Ck)	24A-0017	12/31/2034	600,000 egg take @ SGH, transfer to WJHSFH	NA	Green eggs
Fairbanks	Grayling	Chena R (Chena R)	12A-0106	12/31/2031	170,000 Egg take @ Chena River, transfer to WJHSFH	NA	Green eggs
Fairbanks	Grayling	Goodpaster R (Goodpaster R)	12A-0107	12/31/2031	170,000 Egg take @ Goodpaster River, transfer to WJHSFH	NA	Green eggs
Anchorage	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	14A-0032	12/31/2033	3,500,000 Egg take @ WJHSFH	NA	Green eggs
Fairbanks	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	13A-0007	12/31/2033	1,079,000 Transfer: WJHSFH to RBSFH (3N AF)	NA	Eggs/ Fry/ Fingerlings
Kodiak	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	18A-0016 ^b	12/31/2028	200,000 Transfer: eggs from WJHSFH to Pillar Creek Hatchery + release	1	Eyed eggs
Kodiak	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	18A-0017 ^b	12/31/2028	200,000 Transfer: eggs from WJHSFH to Pillar Creek Hatchery + release	2	Eyed eggs
Ketchikan	Rainbow trout	WJHSFH (Swanson R)	20J-1001 ^c	12/31/2029	200,000 Transfer: WJHSFH to Deer Mountain Hatchery	NA	Eyed eggs

^aIssued to Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery.

^bIssued to Pillar Creek Hatchery operated by Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association.

^cIssued to Deer Mountain Hatchery operated by Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association.

Notes: PWS = Prince William Sound; Res Bay = Resurrection Bay; WJHSFH = William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery; RBSFH = Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery; 2N = Diploid, 3N = Triploid, MX – Mixed sex, AF = All female, GASS = Great Alaskan Sportsman Show (Anchorage; a.k.a. Trade Fair Pond).

Table 9.—Expected 2026 Returns from Division of Sport Fish stocking projects.

Release Site	Projected Return					
	Chinook Salmon	Coho Salmon	Rainbow Trout	Arctic Char	Arctic Grayling	Landlocked Salmon
Northern Cook Inlet						
Ship Creek ¹	5,938	18,971				
Bird Creek ¹		8,441				
Campbell Creek ¹		3,695				
Eklutna Tailrace ¹	4,397	8,252				
Central/Lower Cook Inlet						
Crooked Creek ¹	976					
Kachemak Bay						
Seldovia ¹	1,025					
Homer Spit ¹	3,484	7,809				
Ninilchik ¹	1,580					
Resurrection Bay						
Resurrection Bay	3,135	12,869				
Prince William Sound						
Cordova ¹	1,048					
Whittier ¹	1,005					
Lake Stocking						
All Areas ¹			64,240	3,524	0	5,851

¹ Estimate is based on projecting the 2026 expected returns of all stocked species to the fishery.

Note: Expected returns are based on catch for non-anadromous releases and harvest for anadromous releases from past years' SWHS data.

Table 10.–Otolith-mark groups and release sites for thermally marked coho and Chinook salmon to be released in 2026.

Species	Release Site	Mark Group	Thermal Mark Code	Donor Stock
Chinook salmon	Ninilchik River ¹	Cook Inlet	2,3H4	Ninilchik River
	Seldovia	Cook Inlet	2,3H	Ninilchik River
	Homer Spit	Cook Inlet	2,3H	Ninilchik River
	Eklutna Tailrace	Cook Inlet	2,3H	Ship Creek
	Ship Creek	Cook Inlet	2,3H4,2	Ship Creek
	Cordova	Prince William Sound	2,4H	Ship Creek
	Whittier	Prince William Sound	2,4H	Ship Creek
	Seward Lagoon	Resurrection Bay	2,5H	Crooked Creek
	Crooked Creek	Cook Inlet	2,3H	Crooked Creek
Coho salmon	Homer Spit	Cook Inlet	1,5H	Ship Cr (Little Susitna River)
	Ship Creek ²	Cook Inlet	1,5H3	Ship Cr (Little Susitna River)
	Bird Creek	Cook Inlet	1,5H	Ship Cr (Little Susitna River)
	Campbell Creek	Cook Inlet	1,5H	Ship Cr (Little Susitna River)
	Eklutna Tailrace	Cook Inlet	1,5H	Ship Cr (Little Susitna River)
	Seward Lagoon	Resurrection Bay	2,4H	Bear Lake

¹ Smolt for the Ninilchik River release received a post-hatch accessory thermal mark that will be used to identify the source(s) (Ninilchik River and/or Crooked Creek) of hatchery strays into Deep Creek and Anchor River.

² Smolt released into Ship Creek received a post-hatch accessory thermal mark that will be used to identify the brood source.